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H. CON. RES. 351

Honoring the 225th Anniversary of the Continental Congress meeting in
Nassau Hall, Princeton, New Jersey, in 1783.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

MAY 15, 2008

Mr. HOLT (for himself, Mr. ANDREWS, Mr. SAXTON, Mr. GARRETT of New Jersey, Mr. FERGUSON, Mr. ROTHMAN, Mr. FRELINGHUYSEN, Mr. SIRES, Mr. LOBIONDO, Mr. SMITH of New Jersey, Mr. PALLONE, Mr. PASCRELL, and Mr. PAYNE) submitted the following concurrent resolution; which was referred to the Committee on Oversight and Government Reform

CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

Honoring the 225th Anniversary of the Continental Congress
meeting in Nassau Hall, Princeton, New Jersey, in 1783.

Whereas, in response to the financial difficulties of the times,
the Continental Congress departed the city of Philadelphia suddenly due to a possible uprising by discontented Continental Army soldiers who had not been paid;

Whereas the President of the Continental Congress, Elias Boudinot, established a temporary capital at Princeton “in order that further and more effective measures may be taken for suppressing the present Revolt, and maintaining the Dignity and Authority of the United States”;

Whereas members of the Continental Congress were instructed to meet in Princeton on June 26, 1783;

Whereas the 300 residents of Princeton took members of the Congress into their homes;

Whereas Princeton University offered the prayer hall and the library in Nassau Hall for Congress to use to conduct the governmental business of the United States;

Whereas the Congress conducted essential business in Nassau Hall, which helped shape the foreign relations of the fledgling Nation;

Whereas General George Washington was called to Princeton by a letter from President Boudinot to receive the formal thanks of the Nation for his dedicated service as commander-in-chief;

Whereas, on August 18, General Washington left Major General John Knox in charge of the encamped army at Newburgh, New York, and traveled with a guard of dragoons and his wife, Martha Washington, to the Rockingham estate in Rocky Hill, New Jersey, which was made available for his use over the next three months;

Whereas General Washington met with the Continental Congress in Nassau Hall on August 26 and received the public thanks of his country for his success in the struggle for liberty;

Whereas, in late October at Rockingham, Washington completed writing his Farewell Orders to the Armies of the United States dismissing the troops and announcing his retirement;

Whereas, while Congress was meeting in Princeton, the Treaty of Paris was signed in Paris by John Adams, John Jay, and Benjamin Franklin on September 3, 1783,

marking the end of the American Revolution and establishing the boundaries of the new Nation; and

Whereas Congress departed Princeton in early November 1783 to winter in Annapolis, Maryland: Now, therefore, be it

1 *Resolved by the House of Representatives (the Senate*
2 *concurring)*, That it is the sense of the Congress that the
3 225th Anniversary of the Continental Congress meeting
4 at Nassau Hall in Princeton, New Jersey, should be com-
5 memorated.

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